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- 1. THE REPORTED MEETING OF SENATORS KENNEDY AND MOYNIHAN AND SPEAKER O'NEILL WITH SECRETARY VANCE WAS REPORTED VARIOUSLY IN THE IRISH MEDIA. THE IRISH INDEPENDENT FIRST PAGE ARTICLE WAS HEADED: QUOTE CARTER SET TO INTERVENE ON NORTH VIOLENCE. UNQUOTE. THE ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT QUOTE PRESIDENT CARTER IS SET TO MAKE A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO BRING PEACE TO THE NORTH...YESTERDAY HIS SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE MET A HIGH-POWERED CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE MOVE. UNQUOTE.
- 2. THE IRISH PRESS TOOK A DIFFERENT TACK AND DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS AN EFFORT BY THE CONGRESSMEN TO URGE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A NEW EFFORT TO HALT THE FLOW OF ARMS AND FUNDS TO THE IRA. THE IRISH TIMES, IN A SMALL PAGE FIVE ARTICLE, MERELY NOTED THE MEETING AND SAID THAT QUOTE IT IS BELIEVED UNQUOTE THAT THE CONGRESSMEN WANT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE FOR PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND.
- 3. REPLYING TO A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES, INCLUDING ONE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE HAVE BEEN QUOTING THE ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING UNCLASSIFIED

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